Investment Protection Agreement with China

1696. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to sign and investment protection agreement with China;

(b) if so, brief outline of the agreement and issues which such an agreement is proposed to be covering; and

(c) the provisions, if any, proposed to be incorporated therein keeping in view the prospect of China pursuing its ambition over the Indian territories which has been made conspicuous by the Chinese Ambassador Sun Yusi by reiterating on November 13th, 2006 by Chinese claim over the region of Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India and China signed the Agreement on Bilateral Investment Protection and Promotion on November 21,2006 during the visit of the Chinese President to India.

(b) and (c) The Agreement provides a framework for bilateral investment flows between India and China. It deals with investment promotion and protection aspects, including, *inter alia*, national treatment and most favoured nation treatment, expropriation, repatriation of investment and returns, compensation for losses, and settlement of investment related disputes.

National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2006

1697. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre's new National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2006 favours 20 to 25% 'quota' for the urban poor in every public and private housing colony being developed in the country;

(b) if so, the other main features of this policy; and